

**District VI Advisory Board
Minutes**
www.wichita.gov

Monday
October 6, 2008
6:30 p.m.

Evergreen Recreation Center
2700 N. Woodland
Lounge/Clubroom

The District VI Advisory Board meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. at the Evergreen Recreation Center Lounge Clubroom 2700 N. Woodland. District VI councilwoman led the meeting with seven (7) District Advisory Board members in attendance, five (5) city staff and ten (10) members of the public who signed in.

Members Present

C. Bickley Foster
Carol Skaff
Bob Schreck
Charlie Claycomb
Marsha Carr
John VanWalleghen
Bob Aldrich

Members Absent

Stacy Longwell
Jaya Escobar
Pat Randleas
Janet Miller

Staff Present

Officer Sharp, Patrol North
Officer Perkins, Patrol West
Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant
Jess McNeely, Planning
Rich Harris, WFD

Guests

Listed at end

Council Member Fearey called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. welcoming everyone and asked members to introduce themselves and state their representation on the board.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes for September 8th were approved as submitted. (**Skaff/Claycomb 7-0**)

Approval of Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted. (**VanWalleghen/Claycomb 7-0**)

Public Agenda

1. **Scheduled items:** *Lynn Rogers, C.A.R.E. Committee* asked for support of the School Bond Issue stating we are just trying to finish what was started with the first bond issue in 2000 and don't want to continue to see schools as big as Cloud with so many students. *Rogers* handed out a flyer explaining the benefits of what the Bond issue would cover. **Aldrich** asked the way the financial situation is nation wide, how do you think this will affect us? *Rogers* responded that Wichita is still strong and with the Bond we can see a brighter future for the youth and Wichita. The Bond let's them know how important they are to us.

Carr mentioned we could give up our Starbucks coffee and put that money towards the Bond.

2. **Off-agenda items:** None at this time

***** **Action:** Provide comments/take appropriate action.

Staff Presentations

3. Community Police Report

Patrol North, Officer Sharp said Frida's Club along 21st street in the old Taco Tico building has been operating as a dance hall with no permit and has been cited three times along with the State also citing them. There has been serious activity around the Lords' Diner with drug offenses including significant arrests. Police have done some "John stings" to combat prostitution along Broadway with three arrests. We had burglaries last month and there continues to be a few more. A different individual was arrested this time.

Skaff asked about the incident report that was provided by DC Stoltz that shows an 800% increase in child rapes of 13 year olds and under, if he could explain why. *Sharp* was not aware of the report and said he would find out more information and then email a response to DAB.

Patrol West, Officer Perkins stated there continues to be auto thefts along 13th & West in the apartment complex. The managers have been contacted as these thefts are targeting very specific vehicles. We have increased patrol and since then there has been a significant decrease. We have also been checking clubs to see if there is underage drinking or expired licenses. *Perkins* stated the 800% increase of rapes could be multiple rapes that were all reported at once but didn't occur at the same time.

Fearey asked officers to get more info for the next meeting or they could email the info.

*******Action:** Receive and file

4. Fire Department Report

Rich Harris, Fire Station #1 said District 6 has been quiet with only four structure fires that were not high dollar loss. One fire was arson and we are working close with Police on that. 3400 Fairview and 600 block of Douglas were buildings. There was a fire along North Anna and a car fire at 1507 N. Market.

This week is the beginning of Fire Prevention Week with activities planned to help people be more aware. Also with the last heavy rain we had officers did 150 rescues and many were in the District 6 area. Please don't drive thru high water.

*******Action:** Receive and file

New Business

5. Consolidated Plan Priority Needs

Mary Kay Vaughn, Housing Director explained the background for the Consolidated Plan Priority Needs process and stated she was visiting all the DAB's to seek input on what people feel are the priority needs for the next five years. *Vaughn* handed out a copy of the PowerPoint she was presenting.

VanWalleghen asked about storm water drainage if this was included. *Vaughn* responded to add that to the survey to be looked at. **Carr** asked if we any education for the Home project was being offered to new homeowners. *Vaughn* said the homebuyer classes are offered by the Community Housing Services and Urban League. **Foster** asked what was included in the ADDI fund. *Vaughn* said it included the closing costs and down payment for first-time home buyers.

*******Action:** The District Advisory Board reviewed and commented on the community priority needs and will submit the survey presented to them before November 30th to Mary Kay Vaughn.

PLANNING

6. CON2008-00044 627 E 14TH ST N

The District VI Advisory Board (DAB) considered a Conditional Use for a 150-foot wireless communication tower in LI Limited Industrial zoning generally located south of 14th Street North and west of Santa Fe (627 E 14TH ST N). The members were provided the MAPD staff report for review prior to the meeting. *Jess McNeely*, Planner presented the case background and reviewed the staff recommendation with members and the public.

The Board asked the following questions: *responses in Italics*

- Has this case been presented to the Midtown Association? *No. Claycomb said he checked with Member Miller who lives in this area and said she has received negative feedback on the tower from the association.*
- How high would the fence be? Will there be barb wire on it? *Don't know about the barbed wire.*
- Will there be pole lighting? *No pole lighting.*
- Where does the front of the houses face from the pole? *The house fronts face North/South.*
- Why is there FAA approval?
- Will other carriers be allowed to use the pole? *Yes we can accommodate four carriers.*

Greg Ferris, agent for the applicant T-Mobile responded to concerns stating

1. It is unlikely the tower will have lighting and if it is required it will be a single non-flashing red light
2. Wireless carriers now have to get approval from the FAA.
3. We have no problem with installing an 8 ft fence with barb wire as added security.
4. There will be no building only the tower and it will be on a concrete pad.

Ferris finished saying that people want their cell phone to work in their homes and T-Mobile is receiving calls they need this service for the area. Also we will meet with the Midtown association by Oct. 20th.

One member of the public asked about the setback for the tower where it would be located. *This would be a 4-ft setback from the property line.*

******Action:** The DAB VI members made a motion to recommend Approval (Foster/Skaff 7-0) of the request based on staff recommendations subject to condition #G - the screening fence is to be 8 foot with security measures.

Board Agenda

7. Problem Properties

- 21st/ Hood: Graffiti
- 29th/Purple Building: Graffiti
- 2037-N. Arkansas: Graffiti
- 1206 N. Riverside: Junk
- 331 Mosley: broken windows
- 116 N. Mead: broken windows S & E
- East side of Murdock Bridge: Graffiti
- West embankment-North side bridge: Graffiti underneath
- 29th St. E. of Arkansas: Oberg Plumbing has graffiti including an old van

*******Action:** Receive and propose appropriate action.

8. Neighborhood Reports

- **Riverside Citizens Association:** holding a Political Forum on Oct 14th at 7 p.m.
- **Sherwood Glen:** Hosting Lynn Rogers on the Bond Issue on Oct. 21st at 7 pm.

STOP signs, what are the requirements for getting one installed because of increased traffic? **Fearey** responded it depends on where it is to be placed as it can sometimes give a false sense of security. This would have to be looked at more by the Traffic Engineer.

Schreck stated he presented to the County Commissioners his idea about a 311 non-emergency call system instead of using 911 for all calls. He was invited to go to the Call Center and was very impressed with the system. **Foster** stated as a CSBG representative he learned about the City's lack of lifeguards. YMCA pays more and hires most of the lifeguards. The City is requesting a grant for \$9000 to start training more lifeguards age 15 and up.

- **Kingsbury Lake Park:** Will this return to DAB for any follow-up? **Fearey** responded yes but not sure when.
- **Old Town:** Celebration this Friday along the Warren Theatre Square from 4:30 – 6:30 p.m. about a special announcement that will be made on Wednesday.
- **Orchard Park:** Crosswalk approaches are being installed along 9th and Anna across from Bryant Elementary. Any extra concrete is to be put to use at the school.
- **HMCA:** Oct 11th & 12th Walking tour along the 1400 and 1500 blocks of Fairview. Hours are Saturday from 11:30-5 and Sunday Noon-5pm. Check the WIN newsletter pg. 3. There is a story about the three-story Aley House.

Jerry Prichard, Indian Hills neighborhood asked if the new water meters would be tamper proof.

*******Action:** Receive and file.

Updates from the council member

- October 25th *Coffee with Sharon* will host Autum Heithaus discussing the **Northern Flyer**

Announcements

- Next DAB meeting will be on Monday November 3, 2008

With no further business to discuss the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Guests

Erik & Genevieve Meyer	3831 W. 17 th N. 67203 erik_meyer@cox.net
Tom Carr	1027 W. River Blvd
Carla Smith	Cloud Elementary
Leonard Hicks	2230 Cardinal Dr. Bridgeport Arr. Business Assoc.
Jerry Prichard	Indian Hills Riverbend N.A.
Christine Eberle	N.W.Big River N.A. 1814 Joann St.
Greg Boyajian	3325 N. 9 th
Lynn Rogers	USD 259
Greg Ferris	

Respectfully Submitted,

Terri Dozal, Neighborhood Assistant